

May 16, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Neil G. Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

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The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3rd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
May 24, 2000**

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Approval of April 26, 2000 Meeting Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve April 26, 2000 meeting minutes.
4. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5. <u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.
6. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	6. For information, discussion and approval of the Consent Agenda.

*** ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT**

AIR QUALITY ITEM

*7. <u>Consultation on Conformity Assessment for an Amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program</u> The closeout of the FY 2000 federally funded program requires an amendment to the FY 2000-	7. For information, discussion and consultation.
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2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add three new proposed projects and an administrative adjustment for minor revisions to 21 projects. An amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG TIP is necessary to add a Scottsdale transit corridor Major Investment Study (MIS) at a cost of \$250,000, to add the RPTA project for Regional Rail preliminary engineering/environmental impact statement (PE/EIS) between Chris Town and East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) at a cost of \$2,943,236, and to add the MAG Summer Ozone Education Program in FY 2001 at a cost of \$300,000. The administrative adjustment is necessary to advance 17 projects to FY 2000 and to increase funding for four projects.

MAG has reviewed the projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93) and found that the project changes require consultation on the conformity assessment. The Scottsdale transit corridor MIS, the RPTA Regional Rail PE/EIS, and the MAG Summer Ozone Education Program projects may be categorized as exempt, for which conformity determinations are not required. The 21 minor project revisions may be characterized as an administrative adjustment for which a conformity determination is not required. The current conformity finding for the TIP and the associated Long Range Transportation Plan Summary that was made jointly by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration in a letter dated June 10, 1999, would be unchanged by this action. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

*8. GIS and Database Enhancement Project

The FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program, approved by the Regional Council in May 1999, contained funds to support consultant contracts for the update of MAG Databases that are needed to develop a new set of socioeconomic projections. In December 1999, the Regional Council approved selecting consultants in the following amounts:

8. For information, discussion and approval to amend the consultant contracts to add the following amounts for revised contract totals: TerraSystems, \$29,409 for a revised total not to exceed \$107,915; Info Tech, \$153,986 for a revised total not to exceed \$403,686; and Applied Economics, \$16,605 for a revised total not to exceed \$97,483.

TerraSystems, \$78,506 to manage the project and coordinate the GIS elements; InfoTech \$249,700 to update the MAG Street File; Applied Economics \$80,878 to prepare employment and development databases; and Arizona State University \$186,930 to update special population data and other data inputs needed to run the MAG transportation model. Of the remaining \$200,000, \$153,986 earmarked for the project was deferred until more work had progressed on updating the street file, while \$46,014 was reserved for other tasks that needed to be completed. We are now requesting that the following contracts be amended to add the following amounts: TerraSystems, \$29,409 for reviewing, revising and creating consistent addressing standards throughout the region along with additional project oversight on new work tasks; InfoTech \$153,986 for digitizing Existing and General Plan Land Use, and Development and Redevelopment Databases; and Applied Economics, \$16,605 to recommend regional standards for mixed use and business park development, calculating post-high school enrollment and preparing regional standards for single and multifamily housing ratios. The Management Committee recommended approval of amending the contracts. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*9. MAG Regional Connections Project

On May 26, 1999, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2000 Unified Planning Work Program, which contained a request for funds to ensure that 100 percent of interested member agencies have e-mail, Internet access and a web presence. The purpose of Regional Connections is to ensure regional electronic connectivity. Six member agencies were identified who need e-mail and Internet. Six member agencies were identified who need a web page. On March 27, 2000, the MAG Telecommunications Advisory Group (MAGTAG) recommended purchasing the computers, Internet Service Provider (ISP) access and related peripherals for the six member agencies who need e-mail and Internet connectivity. On May 9, 2000, MAG was informed by one of the member agencies that

9. For information, discussion and approval of the MAG Regional Connections Project to ensure regional connectivity by providing e-mail, Internet and a web page to those member agencies who do not yet have this connectivity, for an estimated cost of \$60,000.

they will provide their own e-mail and Internet connectivity. MAGTAG representatives volunteered to install the equipment and support the new users. MAG staff will create a limited web page for the six member agencies who do not yet have a web page. The MAGTAG unanimously recommended providing the equipment, ISP access, and peripherals, at an estimated cost of \$30,000. This project also includes MAG locating a server at Maricopa County for approximately \$30,000. The Management Committee recommended approval of the Regional Connections Project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

10. Requested Change to Increase Project Budget for Pecos Road Connection Project

The Arizona Department of Transportation has requested that the budget for the Santan/I-10 Traffic Interchange, Phase I, Pecos Road Connection Project, be increased by \$2.78 million. The Pecos Road Connection links the Santan/I-10 Traffic Interchange with Pecos Road to the west of I-10. The project budget was re-estimated based on the 95 percent design. The budget increase represents a material change for the MAG Regional Freeway Program. A Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment is not required for this change in budget. The new budget for this project would be \$29 million. Program cash flow is adequate to accommodate this change without impacting other planned Regional Freeway Program projects. The Management Committee recommended approval of the requested change. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. For information, discussion and approval of the request to add \$2.78 million to the budget for the Santan/I-10 Traffic Interchange, Phase I, Pecos Road Connection.

11. Federal Fiscal Year 2000 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2000 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Annual sub-allocations of Federal Obligation Authority (OA) to the MAG region must be used or they could be lost. To use these funds, MAG conducts a closeout process. This year, approximately \$4.3 million is available from unprogrammed funds, plus \$6.55 million from carry forward requests, leaving just under \$11 million available for the close out. Over \$18 million in project requests have been received for the funds available. On April 25, 2000, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended approval of the carry forward of the projects requested and also recommended a list of projects to utilize the funds available. To process the closeout, an amendment to the FY 2000-2004 TIP and the FY 2000 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is required. In addition, an adjustment to the Draft FY 2001-2005 TIP is necessary. The Management Committee recommended approving the projects recommended by the TRC. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. For information, discussion and approval of the staff recommendation for the interim closeout and amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program that was recommended for approval at the May Management Committee meeting, and process the recommendation by doing the following:

1. Approve the carry forward of the projects listed in Table One;
2. Approve the new, acceleration and additional funds for projects as listed in Table Three;
3. Authorize an amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the necessary projects in FY 2000 of the TIP;
4. Approve an amendment to the FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include the MAG related closeout projects as listed in Table Three; and
5. Approve adjustments to the Draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program as listed in Table Four.

GENERAL ITEMS

12. MAG Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Working Group Interim Report

____ In August 1998, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee discussed issues related to the costs of municipal prisoners incarcerated in the Maricopa County jail system and directed staff to form a committee to examine these issues. On September 9, 1998, the MAG Management Committee formed the Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Working Group. The purpose of the Working Group was to work with Maricopa County regarding municipal prisoner issues related to the building of the new County jail facilities. The Working Group divided into the following subgroups to work with Maricopa County: (1) Jail Contract Methodology, (2) Jail Related Health Cost Administration, and (3)

12. For information, discussion and approval of the MAG Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Working Group Interim Report.

Facility Planning Group. On March 21, 2000, the Working Group recommended approval of the Interim Report. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation of the Working Group. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Desert Spaces Plan Implementation Task Force Draft Final Report

At the April 26, 2000 Regional Council meeting, development and homebuilding interests requested additional time to comment on the Desert Spaces Plan Implementation Report. The Regional Council continued consideration of the report until the May 24, 2000 meeting. On May 9, 2000, the Desert Spaces Implementation Task Force met with the development and homebuilding interests to discuss the concerns expressed with the recommendations. It was determined that another meeting of the Task Force would be needed and this is in the process of being scheduled, prior to the May Regional Council meeting. A report on the Task Force discussions will be provided to the Regional Council.

The prior recommendations of the Task Force Report include the following; (1) formation of a citizen's committee to provide leadership for the implementation of the Plan; (2) disseminate the policies and guidelines for environmentally sensitive development areas and work with affected groups to implement the policies and guidelines; (3) Use the Desert Spaces Plan in commenting on proposed local, state and federal land use decisions; (4) seek funding sources to acquire, protect and maintain region-wide conservation areas identified in the Desert Spaces Plan and (5) support implementation of the Plan through a variety of methods. Please refer to the enclosed material.

14. Environmentally Sensitive Development Areas Policies and Design Guidelines

At the April 26, 2000 Regional Council meeting, homebuilding and development interests requested additional time to comment on the

13. For information, discussion and approval of the Desert Spaces Plan Implementation Task Force Draft Final Report.

14. For information, discussion and approval of the Environmentally Sensitive Development Areas Policies and Design Guidelines.

Environmentally Sensitive Development Areas Policies and Design Guidelines. In response, the Regional Council continued consideration of the policies and guidelines until the May 24 meeting, stating the importance of resolving any remaining issues and adopting the standards as soon as possible. On May 9, 2000, the Desert Spaces Implementation Task Force met with the development and homebuilding interests to discuss the concerns expressed with the recommendations. It was determined that another meeting of the Task Force would be needed and this is in the process of being scheduled, prior to the May Regional Council meeting. A report on the Task Force discussions will be provided to the Regional Council.

The policies address retention areas that were identified in the Desert Spaces Plan, adopted by the Regional Council in 1995. The policies and design guidelines were developed by a subcommittee of the MAG Desert Spaces Implementation Task Force with input from the development community, environmental preservationists, and other stakeholders. The purpose of the policies and guidelines are to help guide public and private sector individuals to work together to sensitively manage environmentally sensitive lands. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. Homeless Continuum of Care Recommendations

On December 8, 1999, the Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year round homeless planning process which includes submittal of the HUD Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for Maricopa County. The Continuum of Care grant supports transitional and permanent housing, and supportive services. Last year, the region received \$15 million. The Stardust Foundation provided MAG with a \$100,000 grant to conduct the planning process. A Continuum of Care Steering Committee was formed and chaired by former Chief Justice Frank Gordon. Over 100 community stakeholders have participated in four subcommittees between January and March. MAG received 31 applications

15. For information, discussion and comment on the Homeless Continuum of Care Recommendations.

from nonprofit organizations in the Valley on April 10, 2000. The Valley of the Sun United Way is administering the ranking and review process. The Regional Council is requested to comment on the recommendations before the grant is submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development on May 31, 2000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

16. Draft FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year MAG develops a Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for the coming year. The purpose of this document is to provide grantors, the MAG staff and the public with the Regional Council's policy direction and fiscal commitments in the agency's regional planning efforts. The total operating expenses proposed in the FY 2001 budget equal \$5,224,388, which represents a 5.78 percent increase over the amended FY 2000 total operating expenses budget. The proposed FY 2001 total expenses equal \$11,590,392. The total budget of \$11,590,392 represents a decrease of \$1,771,220 or 13.26 percent from the amended FY 2000 total expenses budget. The decrease is attributable to the reprogramming of \$2,846,000 of FY 2000 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) close-out funds to planning projects reflected in the amended FY 2000 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

For FY 2001, the member dues and assessments were adjusted to reflect population growth and inflation. The proposed member dues for FY 2001 total \$162,196. The proposed assessments for FY 2001 total \$279,450 and consist of the following: Solid Waste Planning (\$31,192), Water Quality Planning (\$74,859), Emergency 911 Planning (\$115,437) and Human Services Planning (\$57,960). Also new for FY 2001, the proposed work program includes additional pass-through agreement funding for the following items: Park and Ride Implementation (\$943,000) and PM-10 Efficient Street Sweepers (\$960,000). The funds related to these new items will be passed through to

16. For information, discussion and approval of the resolution adopting the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments.

member agencies. In March 2000, the Draft FY 2001 UPWP was sent to transportation and air quality agencies as part of the Intermodal Planning Group (IPG) process. MAG's annual IPG meeting was held on Wednesday, April 5, 2000. The Management Committee recommended approval of the UPWP and Annual Budget. Please refer to the enclosed material.
